

House of Representatives, April 9, 1998. The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. SCHIESSL, 60th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ADOPTING BIENNIAL LICENSE RENEWAL FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-88 of the general  
2 statutes, as amended by section 10 of public act  
3 97-186 and section 8 of public act 97-311, is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof:

6 (a) (1) Each person holding a license to  
7 practice [dentistry, optometry,] midwifery or  
8 dental hygiene shall, annually, during the month  
9 of his birth, register with the Department of  
10 Public Health, upon payment of [the professional  
11 services fee for class I, as defined in section  
12 33-1821 in the case of a dentist, the professional  
13 services fee for class H, as defined in section  
14 33-1821 in the case of an optometrist, except that  
15 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993,  
16 optometrists shall pay a fee of three hundred  
17 seventy-five dollars,] five dollars in the case of  
18 a midwife, and fifty dollars in the case of a  
19 dental hygienist, on blanks to be furnished by the  
20 department for such purpose, giving his name in  
21 full, his residence and business address and such  
22 other information as the department requests.

23       (2) EACH PERSON HOLDING A LICENSE TO PRACTICE  
24 DENTISTRY SHALL, BIENNIALY, DURING THE MONTH OF  
25 HIS BIRTH, REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
26 HEALTH, UPON PAYMENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE  
27 FEE CLASS I, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-1821, ON  
28 BLANKS FURNISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH  
29 PURPOSE, GIVING HIS NAME IN FULL, HIS RESIDENCE  
30 AND BUSINESS ADDRESS AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS  
31 THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS.

32       (3) EACH PERSON HOLDING A LICENSE TO PRACTICE  
33 OPTOMETRY SHALL, BIENNIALY DURING THE MONTH OF  
34 HIS BIRTH, REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
35 HEALTH, UPON PAYMENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE  
36 FEE CLASS H, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-1821, ON  
37 BLANKS FURNISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH  
38 PURPOSE, GIVING HIS NAME IN FULL, HIS RESIDENCE  
39 AND BUSINESS ADDRESS AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS  
40 THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS.

41       (b) Each person holding a license to practice  
42 medicine, surgery, osteopathy, podiatry,  
43 chiropractic or natureopathy shall, [annually]  
44 BIENNIALY, during the month of his birth,  
45 register with the Department of Public Health,  
46 upon payment of the professional services fee for  
47 class I, as defined in section 33-1821, on blanks  
48 to be furnished by the department for such  
49 purpose, giving his name in full, his residence  
50 and business address and such other information as  
51 the department requests.

52       (c) (1) Each person holding a license to  
53 practice as a registered nurse, shall, annually,  
54 during the month of his birth, register with the  
55 Department of Public Health, upon payment of the  
56 professional services fee for class B, as defined  
57 in section 33-1821, on blanks to be furnished by  
58 the department for such purpose, giving his name  
59 in full, his residence and business address and  
60 such other information as the department requests.

61       (2) Each person holding a license as an  
62 advanced practice registered nurse shall,  
63 annually, during the month of his birth, register  
64 with the Department of Public Health, upon payment  
65 of the professional services fee for class C, as  
66 defined in section 33-1821, on blanks to be  
67 furnished by the department for such purpose,  
68 giving his name in full, his residence and  
69 business address and such other information as the  
70 department requests. No such license shall be

71 renewed unless the department is satisfied that  
72 the person maintains current certification as  
73 either a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse  
74 specialist or a nurse anesthetist from one of the  
75 following national certifying bodies which certify  
76 nurses in advanced practice: The American Nurses'  
77 Association, the Nurses' Association of the  
78 American College of Obstetricians and  
79 Gynecologists Certification Corporation, the  
80 National Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
81 and Associates or the American Association of  
82 Nurse Anesthetists.

83 (3) Each person holding a license as a  
84 licensed practical nurse shall, annually, during  
85 the month of his birth, register with the  
86 Department of Public Health, upon payment of the  
87 professional services fee for class A, as defined  
88 in section 33-1821, on blanks to be furnished by  
89 the department for such purpose, giving his name  
90 in full, his residence and business address and  
91 such other information as the department requests.

92 (4) Each person holding a license as a  
93 nurse-midwife shall, annually, during the month of  
94 his birth, register with the Department of Public  
95 Health, upon payment of the professional services  
96 fee for class C, as defined in section 33-1821, on  
97 blanks to be furnished by the department for such  
98 purpose, giving his name in full, his residence  
99 and business address and such other information as  
100 the department requests. No such license shall be  
101 renewed unless the department is satisfied that  
102 the person maintains current certification from  
103 the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

104 (5) Each person holding a license to practice  
105 physical therapy shall, annually, during the month  
106 of his birth, register with the Department of  
107 Public Health, upon payment of the professional  
108 services fee for class B, as defined in section  
109 33-1821, on blanks to be furnished by the  
110 department for such purpose, giving his name in  
111 full, his residence and business address and such  
112 other information as the department requests.

113 (6) Each person holding a license as a  
114 physician assistant shall, annually, during the  
115 month of his birth, register with the Department  
116 of Public Health, upon payment of a fee of  
117 seventy-five dollars, on blanks to be furnished by  
118 the department for such purpose, giving his name

119 in full, his residence and business address and  
120 such other information as the department requests.  
121 No such license shall be renewed unless the  
122 department is satisfied that the practitioner has  
123 met the mandatory continuing medical education  
124 requirements of the National Commission for  
125 Current Certification by said commission and has  
126 passed any examination or continued competency  
127 assessment the passage of which may be required by  
128 said commission for maintenance of current  
129 certification by said commission.

130 (d) No provision of this section shall be  
131 construed to apply to any person practicing  
132 Christian Science.

133 (e) (1) Each person holding a license or  
134 certificate issued under section 20-74s, 20-195cc  
135 or 20-206ll, section 19a-514 and chapters 370 to  
136 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, [383]  
137 384a to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399 or  
138 400a and section 20-206n or 20-206o shall,  
139 annually, during the month of his birth, apply for  
140 renewal of such license or certificate to the  
141 Department of Public Health, giving his name in  
142 full, his residence and business address and such  
143 other information as the department requests.

144 (2) Each person holding a license or  
145 certificate issued pursuant to section 20-475 or  
146 20-476 shall, annually, during the month of his  
147 birth apply for renewal of such license or  
148 certificate to the department.

149 (3) Each entity holding a license issued  
150 pursuant to section 20-475 shall, annually, during  
151 the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply  
152 for renewal of such license or certificate to the  
153 department.

154 (4) EACH PERSON HOLDING A LICENSE ISSUED  
155 UNDER CHAPTER 383, 383a, 383b OR 384 SHALL,  
156 BIENNIALY, DURING THE MONTH OF HIS BIRTH, APPLY  
157 FOR RENEWAL OF SUCH LICENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
158 PUBLIC HEALTH, GIVING HIS FULL NAME, HIS RESIDENCE  
159 AND BUSINESS ADDRESS AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS  
160 THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS.

161 (f) Any person or entity which fails to  
162 comply with the provisions of this section shall  
163 be notified by the department that his license or  
164 certificate shall become void ninety days after  
165 the time for its renewal under this section unless  
166 it is so renewed. Any such license shall become

167 void upon the expiration of such ninety-day  
168 period.

169 Sec. 2. Section 20-191a of the general  
170 statutes is repealed and the following is  
171 substituted in lieu thereof:

172 Each license issued under this chapter shall  
173 be renewed [annually] BIENNIALY in accordance  
174 with the provisions of section 19a-88, AS AMENDED  
175 BY THIS ACT. Thirty days prior to the expiration  
176 date of each license under said section 19a-88,  
177 the department shall mail to the last-known  
178 address of each licensed psychologist an  
179 application for renewal in such form as said  
180 department determines. Each such application, on  
181 or before such expiration date, shall be returned  
182 to said department, together with a fee of the  
183 professional services fee for class I, as defined  
184 in section 33-1821, and the department shall  
185 thereupon issue a renewal license. In the event of  
186 failure of a psychologist to apply for such  
187 renewal license by such expiration date, he may so  
188 apply subject to the provisions of subsection (b)  
189 of said section 19a-88.

190 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 20-195c of  
191 the general statutes, as amended by section 2 of  
192 public act 97-213, is repealed and the following  
193 is substituted in lieu thereof:

194 (a) Each applicant for licensure as a marital  
195 and family therapist shall present to the  
196 department satisfactory evidence that he has: (1)  
197 Completed a graduate degree program specializing  
198 in marital and family therapy from a regionally  
199 accredited college or university or an accredited  
200 postgraduate clinical training program approved by  
201 the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and  
202 Family Therapy Education and recognized by the  
203 United States Department of Education; (2)  
204 completed a minimum of twelve months of a  
205 supervised practicum or internship to be completed  
206 within a period not to exceed twenty-four  
207 consecutive months with emphasis in marital and  
208 family therapy supervised by the program granting  
209 the requisite degree or by an accredited  
210 postgraduate clinical training program, approved  
211 by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage  
212 and Family Therapy Education recognized by the  
213 United States Department of Education in which the  
214 student received a minimum of five hundred direct

215 clinical hours that included one hundred hours of  
216 clinical supervision; (3) completed a minimum of  
217 twelve months of relevant postgraduate experience,  
218 including at least (A) one thousand hours of  
219 direct client contact offering marital and family  
220 therapy services subsequent to being awarded a  
221 master's degree or doctorate or subsequent to the  
222 training year specified in subdivision (2) of this  
223 subsection, and (B) one hundred hours of  
224 postgraduate clinical supervision provided by a  
225 licensed marital and family therapist who is not  
226 directly compensated by such applicant for  
227 providing such supervision; and (4) passed an  
228 examination prescribed by the department. The fee  
229 shall be two hundred fifty dollars for each  
230 initial application. Licenses may be renewed  
231 [annually] BIENNIALY in accordance with the  
232 provisions of section 19a-88, AS AMENDED BY THIS  
233 ACT. The fee for such renewal shall be two hundred  
234 fifty dollars.

235 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 20-195o of  
236 the general statutes is repealed and the following  
237 is substituted in lieu thereof:

238 (c) Each person licensed pursuant to this  
239 chapter shall [annually] BIENNIALY apply for  
240 renewal of such licensure in accordance with the  
241 provisions of subsection (e) of section 19a-88, AS  
242 AMENDED BY THIS ACT. A fee of one hundred fifty  
243 dollars shall accompany each renewal application.

244 Sec. 5. Section 20-201 of the general  
245 statutes is repealed and the following is  
246 substituted in lieu thereof:

247 Said department shall, [annually] BIENNIALY  
248 in accordance with the provisions of section  
249 19a-88, AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT, issue to each  
250 licensed veterinarian in the state, presenting an  
251 application for renewal of his license accompanied  
252 by the professional services fee for class I, as  
253 defined in section 33-182l, a receipt stating the  
254 fact of such payment, which receipt shall be a  
255 license to follow such practice for one year.

256 Sec. 6. Subsection (f) of section 20-281d of  
257 the general statutes is repealed and the following  
258 is substituted in lieu thereof:

259 (f) The board shall charge a fee of  
260 seventy-five dollars for the initial issuance and  
261 the professional services fee for class I, as

262 defined in section 33-1821, for each [annual]  
263 BIENNIAL renewal of such license.  
264 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect January 1,  
265 1999.

266 FIN COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 36 NAY 7 JF

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"THE FOLLOWING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND BILL ANALYSIS ARE PREPARED FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF INFORMATION, SUMMARIZATION AND EXPLANATION AND DO NOT REPRESENT THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR EITHER HOUSE THEREOF FOR ANY PURPOSE."

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# **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5661**

STATE IMPACT                      Revenue Loss, Savings, see below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT                None

STATE AGENCY(S)                Department of Public Health,  
Secretary of the State

	Current FY	1998-99	1999-2000
State Cost	:	:	:
(savings)	:	:	(15,229) :
St Revenue	:	:	:
(loss)	:	:	(5,961,350) :
Net St Cost	:	:	:
(savings)	:	:	:
Municipal	:	:	:
Impact	:	:	:

## **EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

This bill establishes a biennial licensure program for thirteen professions (shown below), effective January 1, 1999. For identified professions regulated by the Department of Public Health, the renewal will occur during the month of birth of the applicant. Public Accountants regulated by the Secretary of the State, however, would be subject to payment of their biennial fee by December 31st of each even numbered calendar year, beginning with December 31, 2000.



Commencing in SFY 1999-00, the Department of Public Health will experience an annual revenue loss of \$4,476,350. This estimate is based upon actual renewal fees collected during SFY 1996-97, as follows:

<u>Profession</u>	<u>Renewal Fee</u>	<u>SFY 99-00 Revenue Loss</u>
Optometrist	\$300	\$ 92,700
Chiropractor	450	189,000
Dentist	450	636,525
Homeopath	450	4,500
Naturopath	450	18,225
Osteopath	450	42,075
Physician/ Surgeon	450	2,636,550
Podiatrist	450	69,300
Psychologist	450	290,700
Veterinarian	450	187,200
Social Worker	150	248,325
Marital & Family Therapist	250	\$ 61,250

The DPH will also incur savings of \$15,229 to reflect the reduction of .5 full time equivalent staff made possible by adoption of the biennial renewal system, as staff would be needed to update professional licensee databases less frequently.

The Secretary of the State will experience a revenue loss of \$1,485,000 in SFY 1999-00, SFY 2001-02, and each subsequent biennial fiscal year. This will occur because, unlike the health professions which renew throughout the year, public accountants must pay their annual fee by December 31st.

Public		
Accountants	450	\$1,485,000

It is anticipated that the Secretary of the State may experience a revenue loss as penalties imposed upon accountants who are not in compliance with annual continuing education requirements would be expected to fall given implementation of the biennial licensure system.

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**OFA BILL ANALYSIS**

HB 5661

**AN ACT ADOPTING A BIENNIAL LICENSE RENEWAL FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONS**

**SUMMARY:** This bill implements a biennial professional license renewal system for dentists, optometrists, physician/surgeons, osteopaths, homeopaths, podiatrists, chiropractors, naturopaths, marital and family therapists, clinical social workers, veterinarians, psychologists, and public accountants. Each such professional regulated by the Department of Public Health shall renew his or her license biennially, during the month of his or her birth. Under current law, these professional licenses are renewed annually, during the month of birth of the applicant. A public accountant shall renew his or her license by December 31st every other year. Under current law, the fee is paid annually.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 36 Nay 7